

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : Confirmation No. :
First Named Inventor : Andrew F. ATKINS
Filed : December 22, 2004
TC/A.U. :
Examiner :

Docket No. : 038871.55732US
Customer No. : 23911

Title : Composite Material for Acoustic Damping

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R § § 1.97 AND 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 22, 2004

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

Copies of the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 as AA-AD have already been provided by the International Searching Authority, therefore, duplicate copies are not attached hereto. However, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the International Search Report citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

Also enclosed is a copy of a British Search Report and references cited (AE - EP 0 459 197 A2 and AF - JP 07-009605A with English abstract).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary R. Edwards
Registration No. 31,824

CROWELL & MORING LLP
Intellectual Property Group
P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300
Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500
Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844
GRE:kms

353024v1

